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January 2, 1990

Ms. Kelly McCarty
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
345 Courtland Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30365

RE: Saad Site, Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Ms. McCarty:

We write in response to the letter dated December 18, 1989 from Patrick Tobin to Larry Hinton of our company.

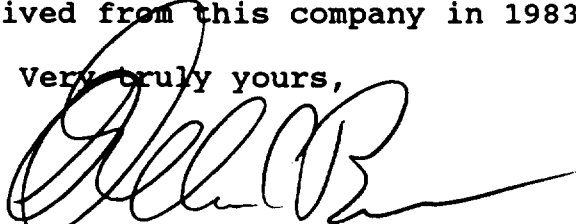
We have reviewed our records with respect to so-called Saad Site and report as follows:

I. On December 1, 1983, our company delivered its entire file with respect to the Saad Site to Asst. U.S. Attorney William M. Cohen at the U.S. Courthouse in Nashville, Tennessee. These files were never returned to us and we did not retain a copy.

II. Although without our files we cannot say with perfect assurance what materials, if any, were generated by us for treatment or disposal at the Saad Site, it is our belief that at no time did we generate hazardous waste for treatment or disposal at the Saad Site. Consequently, we believe that we are not a person described in 42 U.S.C. Section 9607(a).

In order for us to continue our investigation of this matter, we hereby request that you furnish us with a copy of all documents upon which you base your allegation that our company may be potentially a responsible party with respect to the Saad Site and all other documents you received from this company in 1983.

Very truly yours,



William C. Bruce